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Dear Sir:

These comments are in response to the International Search Report mailed on May 19, 2006, for the above-identified application.

In line 1, the words "ability of instrument" should be amended to --ability of an instrument--;

In line 3, the words "map (212)" should be amended to --(N pairs of values $(t_i^B, t_i^{B_{ref}})$) (506) .--;

In line 4, the words "compare entities (708)" should be amended to --compare entities (704, 708)---

Respectfully submitted,

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